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The Times' Daily Short Story.

A Christmas Wedding

[Original.]

Several years ago I was obliged to go on business during the autumn to a distant town. One day while waiting, in order to kill time, I visited the life saving station. Just before reaching it I passed a boxlike affair built on a dune, measuring about six feet by four. Facing the ocean was a low door and beside it a window, through which peered the saddest face I ever saw—the face of a woman. She was still young and attractive in appearance, though her hair was white as snow. Sitting by the window, her arm resting on the sill, she was peering out to sea as though looking for a ship.

At the life saving station I was told that her name was Caroline Owens. Ten years before her lover, John Trevor, a sailor, had started in September on the schooner Mary Deane to make a short voyage from which he was to have returned for Christmas and his wedding. Caroline prepared her wedding outfit—it could scarcely be dignified by the name of trousseau—and Christmas festivities were also arranged for, but on Christmas eve a ship came in with the news that the Mary Deane had gone ashore in a storm and every man on board had perished.

It was a sad Christmas for every one in the neighborhood. Caroline was stunned. She did not weep. She simply looked out of her eyes at vacancy and said nothing. Every day she would go to the bench, and, standing on a dune just above the life saving station, peer out to sea. In storm and sunshine she was there at least once a day, and when the spring came on and the weather was pleasant she would spend most of the day there. Then the kind hearted life savers built her the little shelter and invited her to take possession of it.

Some of the men considered her as having gone crazy at the death of her lover, while others thought her mental

ly sound. I was told by one of them, Markham by name, who in confidence confessed to me that he had fallen in love with her and would gladly marry her, though he had never mentioned the subject to her, that every December she became possessed with the idea that her lover would return on Christmas eve. She had told him there was a feeling within her too strong to be resisted that Trevor was alive, wandering here and there, mostly on the sea; that there was some reason why he could not return to her, but this reason would in time be removed. This most peculiar consideration a mania induced by the shock she had suffered.

I often passed her sentry box and grew more and more impressed with the sad but hopeful face always peering out to sea. When I went away I left with Markham, the man who had given me his confidence, some money, charging him to tell her that an unknown person had given it to him to be used for a wedding present on the return of her lover. I did this hoping it might give her pleasure. She was convinced that Trevor would come back, and I believed it might be best to foster this belief.

I returned to the city, autumn faded into winter and the snow came down. One morning a man appeared at my office whom I did not recognize for a moment, but when I did I saw that he was Markham.

"What brings you here?" I asked, taking his rough hand in mine. "There's a wedding on," he replied. "A wedding?" "Yes, Carrie Owens'. I've come to buy the gift."

"Oh, no, no; better than that." There was a double expression of pain and joy in his face and in his voice. "Come, sit down here and tell me."

"You remember the storm of the 30th of November?" he said. "Well, that was the worst I've ever experienced. Carrie Owens spent the day in her box. The next day would be the 1st of December, and that was the month she was always the worst. I tried several times to induce her to go home, but she wouldn't. Just as it was getting dark

I looked up at the box and saw a man coming from behind it. He was evidently coming for Carrie, for his eyes were on the box. Suddenly he rounded to the front and stood before her. Then I heard a shriek and knew that Jack Trevor had come at last."

He went on to tell me that Trevor had been injured in the head at the time of the wreck, had been thrown ashore and had wandered about without any remembrance as to who he was. Finally, when ill in a hospital, a surgeon had discovered a displacement of a small piece of his skull, had trepanned him and brought back his memory. Then he had made for home and Caroline. "He didn't come by sea, as she expected," added my informant, "but he came all the same."

He bore an invitation for me to the wedding, and I accepted. On Christmas eve I arrived at the cottage of Caroline Owens' parents and was introduced to Caroline herself. So preoccupied had she been when I was passing her box that she did not remember to have ever seen me.

Of course both she and Trevor bore marks of the hard lot that had befallen them, but their faces were beaming with happiness, and every one of the wedding party was smiling. I pitied Markham, the poor fellow whose love had been but a one-sided affair. He had brought my present as well as one from himself and before I left I handed him a check for the bride. I have spent many a happy Christmas eve, but none where I felt and saw about me so much joy as in this.

CHARLES P. THURBER.

Very Many Thanks. "Boy (who has been out to tea)—Mrs. Freeman's cake is better than ours, mamma."

Mamma—I hope you said "Thank you," nicely. "Boy—Oh, yes, mamma. I said it five times."

Mamma—You need only have said it once, dear.

Boy—But I had five pieces of cake, mamma!—London Punch.

Diplomatically.

"I am afraid you are absolutely governed by your wife."

"No," answered Mr. Meekton, who had been reading the foreign news. "I'm not absolutely governed by her, but I must admit that I am very much within her sphere of influence."—Washington Star.

JAPAN FAILING AT PEKIN?

China Still Refuses Important Concessions.

TOKIO WOULD BREAK OFF

Say China Is Backed by the Old Alliance — Russia, France and Germany Charged With Meddling.

Tokio, Dec. 20.—The leading newspapers are expressing indignation over the attitude of China in refusing to conclude an agreement with Japan concerning concessions granted by the treaty of Portsmouth. The Jiji advocates the suspension of the negotiations at Peking. The Nichi Nichi says that should China continue to obstruct such measures as may be necessary should be taken to "insure to Japan her rightful acquisition."

The continued failure of Baron Komura to conclude the negotiations with the Chinese Government at Peking, which were begun after the conclusion of the Russo-Japanese War is an open secret. It is believed by some Japanese here that the extent of Japanese concessions are such as will fail to secure what they think should have properly been her acquisitions as the result of the treaty of Portsmouth. For example the building of the Kirin-Chang Chung railway has not been conceded and the stationing of railway guards is not to be permitted, leaving the work in the hands of the police, who will be withdrawn when the period for the withdrawal of troops expires. China's firm attitude is believed to be due to combined pressure indirectly exerted by Russia, France and Germany. The outcry against the alleged weakness of the cabinet is increasing and some persons advocate the suspension of the Peking negotiations. The kindness of the emperor of Germany to former Japanese prisoners of war on their way home is appreciated but the Japanese appear to be distrustful of his style of diplomacy.

The convention of customs tariffs between Italy and Japan has been abolished.

OPEN DOOR IN MANCHURIA.

Pekin Despatch Says China Granted a Majority of Japan's Proposals.

Pekin, Dec. 20.—The negotiations between the Japanese and Chinese plenipotentiaries with regard to Japan's future status in Manchuria came to a close yesterday. The treaty which has been drawn up will be signed on Dec. 21. A majority of the proposals made by Japan have been adopted verbatim. The treaty is to remain in force for an indefinite length of time. Under its provisions Japan will occupy the same position in Manchuria as Russia did before the war, except that the "open door" will prevail.

CALL GENERAL STRIKE.

Wires to Russia Have Already Ceased to Work.

Paris, Dec. 20.—A despatch to the Matin from St. Petersburg says that the Council of Workmen's Delegates has decided to declare a general strike today. The government believes that the strikers are unprepared and are not in a position to carry out the mandate of the council.

Telegraphic communication between France and Russia was cut at noon yesterday.

The following notice was issued by the New York office of the Commercial Cable company yesterday: "Telegraphic lines to St. Petersburg are interrupted. Lines to Liban are working, but only for local telegrams."

FEAR THE POLES.

Armed Uprising Most Dreaded, as Czar Has No Troops.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 20.—In spite of the statement that two army corps are being sent to the Baltic provinces, it is learned that no such number of troops is available. The government has sent two regiments from St. Petersburg in reply to the frantic appeals for reinforcements, but it is considered too dangerous to deplete the garrison of the capital any further during the present crisis, and the government can only await the arrival of the Cossacks and other troops which are being hurried forward by Gen. Linievitch from Manchuria. In the meantime the government's fear is that the rebellion, which is extending southward to the Polish frontier, may arouse the Poles to an armed uprising.

Reliable details regarding the establishment of the so-called republic of Kharkoff have at last arrived. The workmen's socialist organization, joined by 300 troops, took possession of the city, and with the aid of a militia armed with pikes, revolvers and axes, established a government or "federated council" as the executive committee was called.

This council issued decrees which the authorities were absolutely powerless to resist. The council turned off the electricity from the houses on the ground that it only benefited the rich, while allowing it to burn in the streets where it benefited the people, and declared war on the thieves who had previously been terrorizing the city.

When a robber was captured he was placed under a trip hammer with the threat that it would be dropped unless he revealed the whereabouts of the booty. This was effective in each case, and the recovered plunder was returned to its owners. Two notorious robbers were hanged in the public square.

A Mitau, province of Courland, report by mail to St. Petersburg says:

Frightful stories are pouring in from the interior, where desperate fighting has occurred between the troops and insurgents. Revolting tales are told of the barbarities practiced on the German landers, who are more detested by the Lettes than the Russians. In a fight near Tukums 14 dragoons were killed and 16 were wounded. It is estimated that the insurgents lost 200 men killed.

A squadron of cavalry was annihilated

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and bodily out up near Grossantz and limped into Mitau with its wounded.

JEWS TO TAKE ACTION.

To Hold Brussels Conference on Russian Situation.

New York, Dec. 20.—The central organization of the Zionists in Europe has decided to hold a special international congress of Jews, to take action on the situation in Russia.

Advices were received to this effect Monday at the office of the federation of Jews of American Zionists. The congress will be held in Brussels on Jan. 29, 1906.

It is expected that the American Jewish congress will be held before Jan. 29, and that this assembly will choose delegates to attend the international congress in Europe. It is understood that the American Jewish congress will be held in this city.

GERMANY PLACATES BRAZIL.

Regrets for "Panther" Affair Are Expressed.

Berlin, Dec. 20.—The German Government has directed the minister at Petrograd to express to the Brazilian Government its regret that the officers and men of the cruiser Panther, sent ashore at Itajay to obtain facts concerning a supposed deserter from the Panther, overstepped the proper forms.

Bear Fight in Philadelphia.

A little poodle dog that was running along ahead of a stately dame on Chestnut street yesterday afternoon was hardly bigger than a rat but he was as pug-nacious and spunky as a bulldog. Between Twelfth and Thirteenth streets he attracted his mistress' attention by a few short chirping barks and a tug on the chain that held him in. Looking in the direction of the dog's pointed nose, the mistress saw a street fakir operating mechanical toys on the sidewalk. One of these was a dancing bear, about six inches high, which, when wound up, would work its way all over the pavement. The antics of the imitation animal amazed the highbrow dog, who, after gazing at it in anger for a moment suddenly pulled the chain from his mistress' hand and went for bruis. A few moments of biting and tearing left nothing but the battered mechanism on the sidewalk. Both the fakir and the woman were powerless to interfere, and everybody else enjoyed the "fight" so much that they would not interfere, consequently the demolition of the bear was effected in a short time. When a policeman arrived he found a satisfied fakir with more than twice the price of the bear added to his wealth; a flushed woman, a victorious poodle and a dispersing crowd of snoring men and boys. —Philadelphia Record.

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AMERICA TO LAND FORCES

U. S. Cruiser Arrives Today at Shanghai.

BRITISH MARINES ASHORE

Chinese Plan to Loot Foreign Quarter — Washington Believes

That the Situation Is Serious.

Shanghai, Dec. 20.—Armed guards and patrols are maintained here everywhere to cope with a possible renewal of the disturbance. The streets are filled with rowdies. The shops are open but looting is greatly feared. The United States cruiser Baltimore landed a force yesterday and the British cruiser Diadem is sending five hundred men ashore. Other warships are expected and it is reported that German troops are coming here from Kioochau. The Chinese newspapers say the rowdies proposed to take advantage of the Mixed Court dispute to attack and loot the foreign settlement.

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JACKIES IN CONTROL.

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Japan Sends Warships.

Tokio, Dec. 20.—Owing to the disturbances at Shanghai, the Japanese protected cruiser Teshima and the gunboat Uji have been ordered there.

FORCED TO BURN.

Armed Tiflis Armenians Pen Mussulmans in Houses.

Constantinople, Dec. 20.—The latest despatch received from Tiflis, Caucasus, yesterday, says that 300 houses in the Mussulman quarter were set on fire by armed Armenians, who prevented the inmates from leaving, and fired on the firemen who attempted to extinguish the flames. The total number of Mussulmans killed is not yet ascertained, but 57 Turkish subjects are known to have perished.

The fighting was continuing Dec. 17, when the telegram was forwarded, and the Turkish consulate was over-crowded with refugees.

A telegram of the same date from Batoum, Caucasus, reports a continuance of the disorders there. Great fears of a massacre prevailed in the Mussulman community.

The government transport Ismir has left Constantinople for Batoum to take off the Turks.

CHICAGO BANKS CALM AGAIN.

Conditions Practically Normal, Although Runs Continue.

Chicago, Dec. 20.—Practically normal conditions were restored in banking circles here yesterday, and there was not the slightest surface indication of the disturbance caused Monday by the suspension of the Walsh banks. The runs on the Chicago National and the Home Savings banks continued, but there was no excitement whatever around the national banks, and very little in the offices of the Home Savings Bank.

A crowd of depositors gathered before the savings bank about an hour before the time for opening the doors and became disorderly. The lone policeman on duty sent a call for aid and in a short time reserves formed the depositors in a long line. About five hundred men were in the ranks when the bank opened and the work of paying them went off rapidly.

It is believed that by tonight the greater part of the deposits in both the Chicago National and the Home Savings banks will be withdrawn.

Bedford, Ind., Dec. 19.—When the Bedford National Bank, of which John R. Walsh of Chicago is president and principal stockholder, opened for business yesterday, the room soon became filled with small depositors, who were paid as fast as possible. There was little excitement, but the withdrawals of funds by small depositors continued. Other banks offered assistance, but it was declined as unnecessary.

RESCUED BY DIVERS.

Entombed Men Are Taken Out by Divers.

New York, Dec. 20.—The two men entombed in the Pennsylvania Railroad tunnel in Long Island City were rescued at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon alive. They were brought through the flood in diving suits and thence through the dry portion of the tunnel and up the shaft.

They were in an extremely weak and exhausted condition and it was feared that the effects of their nearly thirty-five hours' incarceration might be fatal.

A great crowd of people at the tunnel shaft cheered when they were brought up.

Early yesterday forenoon the men were reached by Ernest Larkin in a diving suit, when the water was five feet in depth. He found the men alive, but exhausted by the foul air and hunger. Returning to the top of the shaft Larkin obtained stimulants and food, which he carried back to the rescuers.

Had the men been able to swim, they could have been taken out in safety, but they were too weak to make the attempt and their courage was gone.

FROM 500 CLERGYMEN.

Church Federation Given New Impetus in Chicago.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 20.—Five hundred Chicago ministers met yesterday to consider first steps toward church federation in the city. No definite action was taken looking toward the exclusion of the Unitarian denomination, which was barred on doctrinal grounds from the recent conference on church federation held in New York city, but the sentiment of the meeting was strongly in favor of exclusion.

Each of the speakers had been a delegate to the New York conference, and each referred to the action of that conference in terms of the warmest approbation.

The meeting was called by a joint committee representing the ministerial associations of the various denominations and the central department of the Y. M. C. A. Judge Grosvenor of the United States circuit court presided. A committee of our was appointed to construct a plan for the church federation.

Referring to the action of the conference, Bishop William F. McDowell of the Methodist Episcopal Church said: "The conference has asserted its faith in our Lord and Savior. After the declaration has been made it was amended so as to declare a belief in the divine nature of Christ. This assertion of a great faith, however, is not an end in itself. It is our part now to work for the kind of a revolution in society that naturally follows the declaration of that faith. We have to bring a universal principle to a particular application and find out what that principle will do in a town like Chicago."

AFTER THE CHRISTMAS DINNER

Nothing Will Make the Smoker Happier Than a Good Chico Cigar.

"Just the finishing touch to the Christmas dinner," said C. H. Kendrick, is one of Wadsworth Bros' Chico cigars, and we hope every reader of the Times will see that there is a box of Chico to pass around when dinner is over. "We have sold a good many different brands of cigars, but never before had one that leaped so suddenly into the first place in our cigar trade as the Wadsworth Bros' Chico. Everybody who knows what a good cigar is, likes it, and the fact that it sells for so low does not lessen its popularity, for in quality it is equal to any 10c or 15c cigar. "Everyone who is going to have smokers at the Christmas dinner should come in and get a box of Chico. We could not afford to recommend them if we did not know they would please the most fastidious smoker."

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING IN CACTUS CENTER.

Women's scarce in Cactus Center, and there isn't no bargain stores. For to start them Monday rushes that break down the stoutest doors; But we had some Christmas shopping that the town ain't over yet, Just because of one small woman and a drug store toilet set.

She was Cactus Center's teacher, and she hadn't left the stage 'Fore she had the boys plum locoed—and I don't bar your nor age; She was cute and smart and pretty, and she might 'a' been here yet. If it hadn't 'a' been for Dawson and his drug store toilet set.

It was old and scratched and speckled, for 'twas in his case for years, But ol' Dawson, sharp and clever, put a whisper in our ears—'Towed he'd sell that set at auction, and he says "Now, boys, you bet. This'll make a hit with Teacher—this here swell new toilet set."

Well, the bidden started lively, and it a got to goin' hot; For every mind in Cactus on that single thing was set; Party soon I'd staked my saddle, worth two hundred dollars net. Just to own, for one short second, that blamed drug-store toilet set.

It was then began the shooting—no one seems to know just how—And 'twas lack of ammunition that at last broke up the row; And thirteen of us was hurt, but the worst blew that we met. Was in flinders from some bullets had gone through that toilet set.

But we plugged the punctures in it, and we plugged the wounded, too, And agreed we'd arbitrate it, and the bunch 'd see it through; So we sent a gift committee, but they came back sorer yet—

For the teacher 'd slipped out Eastward—so we have that toilet set. —Denver Republican.



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